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Passage of the Currency Bill in the Senate.

Text of the Bill as Passed.

Proposed Changes in the Consular Service.

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Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

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MR. TRUMBULL reported from the Committee on the District of Columbia, with amendments, a bill to amend the charter of Georgetown.

MR. HENRY introduced a resolution providing for the printing of copies of a report of the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Commissioner of Agriculture.

MR. CARPENTER introduced a bill to amend the bill reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, providing for the appointment of Commissioners to take bail in habeas corpus cases, and to authorize the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to appoint Commissioners for the District of Columbia.

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MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES.

MR. CONKLING presented the petition of Mrs. Lincoln, praying for the payment of a claim for $27,000 for the use of the White House furniture. Referred.

MR. CONKLING presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying for the passage of a law to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sunday

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MR. SCHENCK'S TARIFF BILL.

The origin of the tariff bill reported by the Committee of Ways and Means, on Tuesday last, by General Schenck when he remarked that it had been impossible for the committee to perform their work sooner, in justice to the "various interests whose representatives came before the committee day after day." We venture to inquire what peculiar business those representatives of private interests had with the Committee of Ways and Means in framing a bill imposing taxes upon thirty-nine millions of people. It is very easy to see what influence they have had in framing it. They have succeeded (if the bill should pass) in curtailing the revenues of the government several millions of dollars, and in transferring several millions more from the earnings of the people to their own pockets. The bill is not quite so shameless and unprincipled as that which was defeated four years ago, and yet it contains provisions more stupid and ridiculous than any which were embraced in that measure—as, for instance, the provision admitting *gold leaf* free of duty, while it imposes a duty on the entire cotton crop produced in the world as an article of commerce except in the United States—likewise the clause imposing a duty of one and one-half cents per pound on *flour*, when we are the largest flour-exporting country in the world. These two provisions, and several others in the bill, are intended to deceive ignorant persons, and to arrest their attention while their pockets are being rifled.

We invite the attention of the people to the items of the bill so far as they have been reported by telegraph.

The existing duty on *tea* is twenty-five cents per pound. The bill reduces it to twenty cents. *Coffee* is now taxed five cents. The bill reduces it to four cents. These are purely revenue duties. All the money that is collected from the consumers of these articles goes into the public Treasury. The only question to be considered is whether the government can afford to lose this revenue. Perhaps it can. If so, let the duties be reduced, but let it be borne in mind that it is not the paltry free traders that have demanded the abatement of the government revenues. On the contrary, they have always insisted that the Treasury should have all the money required for the preservation of the public credit. The protectionists, however, have become fearful of this bill and offered to reduce the taxes, from which the *government* revenues are obtained, provided those from which *their* revenues are obtained shall be increased. Wonderful magnanimity!

The next provision in the bill is an increase of the tax on *refined sugar*, the existing duty on which is 3 cents per pound. The bill increases it to 4 cents, thereby giving one cent per pound more to the sugar refiners. This is another item which the sugar refiners have been pushing for a long time. It will be a long time more, we fancy, before they get it. There was some talk of reducing the tax on *raw sugar*, but this proposition has never got a step ahead. Protection, being a system, it will not answer to weaken the edifice in any place, for if the tariff on sugar were reduced, we should soon see the planters arrayed on the other side, and clamoring, perhaps, a similar reduction in the tax on salt.

On *brandy* the existing tariff is $3 per gallon. The bill proposes to admit it at $2. This is another purely revenue duty. There is no private interest to be protected by it. The people of California in it no sense a competitor with the French article, even in California. Regarding the duty in this light, it is not unlikely that the reduction of the tax may increase the revenues of the government somewhat by causing a larger importation. The whisker ring will do well to take notice that their protection is reduced about 20 per cent by this change. Do perhaps they can stand it.

The existing duty on *sugars* is 68 per pound and 20 per cent *ad valorem*. Very little of this duty is collected, nearly all the imported sugars being smuggled. The bill reduces the duty to 12 per pound and 25 per cent *ad valorem*. It is not to-likely that more revenue may be obtained from this duty than from the high-er rate, by taking away a portion of the profits of the smugglers.

The duties on cotton *goods* are substantially the same as before.

The duties on women's and children's *dress goods*, made in whole or in part of wool, are enormously increased. The existing rates on the ordinary variety are 4 cents per square yard and 25 per cent *ad valorem*. The bill puts them at 6 cents per square yard and 30 per cent *ad valorem*. On the finer articles the existing duties are 6 cents and 30 per cent—increased to 9 cents and 40 per cent, and on certain varieties to 10 cents per pound & 40 per cent. This is sheer extortion and robbery without the smallest justification or palliation.

The duties on *flax* and *hemp*, two articles of universal use, are increased from 35 to 70 per cent, to enable a few farmers here and there in the United States to plunder thirty or forty millions.

The duty on *pig iron* is reduced from $9 per ton to $7. The Special Commissioner of the Revenue showed in his recent report that pig iron ceased to be an item of import except those varieties which cannot be produced in this country. Still we are thankful for small favors. Pig iron enters into every branch of industry in the United States, great and small. A wise system, even if protective, would abolish the duty on such an article altogether. We shall look, however, to see a large resistance to this small reduction from the pig iron manufacturers of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and a solid and fierce opposition on their part to the proposed reduction of $2 on *old scrap iron*. A few years ago, certain rolling-mill proprietors attempted to get the duty on old scrap iron reduced to $6 per ton, but actually carried a measure to that effect through the House, when the pig iron gentry rallied and stopped it in the Senate by showing that it was contemplated to import the worn-out rails of European railways in immense quantities, to be re-rolled for American roads, and ultimately for land grant roads, whose proprietors were concerned about their iron.

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RUSH MEDICAL COLLEGE.

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ALUMNI MEETING.

The second annual meeting of the Alumni of Rush Medical College was held, yesterday morning, at that institution. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Alfred S. Ashe, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dr. W. C. Hunt, Secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The President then delivered his annual address. After the usual points of thanks and congratulation, he went back to the fifty years previous to the present college year, when he first had the honor to attend a medical lecture. The contrast between the present and the past was striking. Many changes had taken place since then. Civilization had planted towns and cities on the prairies and by the running rivers; the wilderness had given the place of the pioneer, and wrought a garden along the trail once blazed by the Indian. Now, Chicago was a metropolis, with its 300,000 people, its railroads, its 911,000,000 of taxable property, and churches, and a prosperous and intelligent community. The change was as great in medical science as in that of the city. Medical science was then in its infancy. Now it was the result of the labors of the ages. Then the physician was the only thinker the community had, and he was a law unto himself. Now he was the agitator, and the intelligence and conservatism of the people kept him in check. Then the physician was the only teacher of medical science. Now he was but a humble soldier of fact, and that soldier exercised the authority of an armed giant. Speaking of the progress of medical science in a new view, that we find that the old Rush Medical College was the first institution which ever had supported by scientific facts; for before the days of Rush, medicine was a matter of theory and speculation. The progress was not always in a straight line. Sometimes it was in a circle, sometimes it was in a zigzag, but it was progressive. The progress of the future would be still greater. The tendency was to get the largest possible results from the smallest possible means. The speaker then referred to the Rush Medical College, its history and its present condition, and closed by urging the students to be faithful to their duties, and to remember that the reputation of the college depended upon their conduct.

PROFESSOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The Professor then delivered his annual address. After the usual points of thanks and congratulation, he went back to the fifty years previous to the present college year, when he first had the honor to attend a medical lecture. The contrast between the present and the past was striking. Many changes had taken place since then. Civilization had planted towns and cities on the prairies and by the running rivers; the wilderness had given the place of the pioneer, and wrought a garden along the trail once blazed by the Indian. Now, Chicago was a metropolis, with its 300,000 people, its railroads, its $11,911,000 of taxable property, and churches, and a prosperous and intelligent community. The change was as great in medical science as in that of the city. Medical science was then in its infancy. Now it was the result of the labors of the ages. Then the physician was the only thinker the community had, and he was a law unto himself. Now he was the agitator, and the intelligence and conservatism of the people kept him in check. Then the physician was the only teacher of medical science. Now he was but a humble soldier of fact, and that soldier exercised the authority of an armed giant. Speaking of the progress of medical science in a new view, that we find that the old Rush Medical College was the first institution which ever had supported by scientific facts; for before the days of Rush, medicine was a matter of theory and speculation. The progress was not always in a straight line. Sometimes it was in a circle, sometimes it was in a zigzag, but it was progressive. The progress of the future would be still greater. The tendency was to get the largest possible results from the smallest possible means. The speaker then referred to the Rush Medical College, its history and its present condition, and closed by urging the students to be faithful to their duties, and to remember that the reputation of the college depended upon their conduct.

REMARKS OF THE GRADUATES.

[illegible] W. Jones, A. Allyn [illegible] graduates of the class, responded, saying, in substance, that the [illegible] Rush Medical College would [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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A NOTABLE EXCURSION.

Departure of Forty-one Citizens from Chicago.

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Why They Went and Where.

Chicago has been the scene for her excursion parties. Now it is one to New Orleans; next one to California and the Yosemite; others try to the north of Canada; and still others go here and there, at intervals. Each more novel, to gratify a mere fancy for sight-seeing. Another notable party of distinguished (perhaps the word should be distinguishable) citizens started on a respective tour yesterday. A large number of the gentlemen composing the party propose to remain absent from Chicago for years. Some have become tired of Chicago. There is too much room. They get lost in strange places, and often require the assistance of a policeman to set them right again. These things are annoying, and provocative of much profanity. It injures their local morals, and is many cases has rendered them reprobates. So deeply rooted is this feeling against Chicago, with some of them, that they have taken a solemn oath never to return, while others have postponed such return for a great many years. Notable among the disaffected is Edward Cleveland, who, it is said, may not be loosed for during the next thirty years. That persevering citizen, "Handy Andy," has also avowed his intention to go and stay. Others, whose names the reel are ill-suited to appear here, will go and stay. The Garden City will lose their genial companionship, and it is probable that many of our institutions, such as the Jail, and Bridewell, will suffer on account of their absence. It may be constantly mentioned here that the destination of the party was Joliet, a town famous for its penitentiary, owing to its architectural beauties and massive walls. Even the Joliet limestone quarries, one of the wonders of the town's are said to be without a rival; and as for masonry, the "kinks" of some men are simply incomparable.

The party consisted of forty-one bone, the largest number that has ever gone to the same destination on excursion. Their high standing and the immigrants it was thought to start from the Court House, that being centrally located. Mindful of her duty, the city signed four of Valentine's handsomest bosses to convey the excursionists to the depot.

A large crowd of prominent citizens assembled at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., and, flanked by a large crowd of police, and amid the hisses of the populace, the procession took its way through the streets. A large crowd was collected at the depot, and there were many cheers, uttered by reports that their stay—at Joliet—could not be long. Some of the party were put on the cars, and others on the platform. The train moved off, and the excursionists in part of Pullman's "Palmetto" dining room, which had been fitted up expressly for the occasion. On the contrary, the remainder of the party were left behind, and many broke windows, and others made the air resound with loud invigorating breath issued from the lungs. Many of the party were observing him, and then there was a dagger in each eye, while his face presented the appearance of a thunder cloud, but not of the moonrays. Strange as it may seem, the officers give him the benefit of the doubt, and he was not run in for the time overlooked. Either a great change has come over the spirit of the dream of his life, or his nature must be departed beyond conception. But, perhaps, Hugh is playing possum.

Water tested as pure as the sunflower. Friday, February 4th, at 8 o'clock p. m., at Farwell Hall is computed to delight. Users may be a real, and the admission is only 25 cents.

An hour or more was spent by the Chicago party in examining the Penitentiary and visiting the various workshops. The men, as a class, appeared to be contented with their lot, and the officers of the prison testified to the good behavior of the convicts. The school and chapel did not escape their notice, and they were much interested in the former. The officers of the prison testified to the good behavior of the convicts. The school and chapel did not escape their notice, and they were much interested in the former.

The train reached Joliet at 12:30 p. m., and the party were passing him cigars and tobacco, that he seemed to accept in the same spirit as he would a bullet. Some of the party were observed to be in a state of intoxication, and the